

MINUTES

UTAH SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY/AUDIOLOGY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2007

**Room 475 - 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:05 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:28 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Walter Cox, Chairperson
Patricia Anderson
Bonnie Rice
Chad Bingham
Paige Canfield

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

DOPL Staff Present:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: MINUTES:

Swear in New Board Member

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Proposed Rules Changes

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Bingham seconded by Ms. Rice made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2007 meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ormond issued the “Oath of Office” to Ms. Canfield, and welcomed her to the Board.

At the last meeting it was determined that redefining what a “Speech-Language Pathology” or “Audiology” Aide is, would be in the best interest of the public. Mr. Bingham volunteered to contact USHA (Utah Speech – Hearing Association), to obtain an opinion.

Mr. Bingham explained that Ms. Sprite, President, was unavailable, however, Ms. Simons-Myer, Former President, had expressed her agreement to Mr. Bingham. Mr. Ormond reminded the board that an Aide is only

allowed to perform minimal tasks.

Ms. Anderson explained that she felt an Aide should be defined as an individual who has some health care training, and who the Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist could supervise while the Aide treats the patient according to the care plan. Mr. Cox and Mr. Bingham agreed adding that they felt that an Aide's education should be at minimum a Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, and the person should be required to hold a license with this State.

Mr. Ormond explained that by requiring licensure it would require a statutory change, and then R156-41 could be rewritten to define the duties of an Aide. He further commented that this would also require that anyone who is currently working as an Aide, under the current requirements must be grandfathered into the licensure. Mr. Ormond suggested redefining an Aide by rule, and not requiring licensure, based on the profession may not approve the change. Mr. Cox was concerned that if there was not a licensure requirement, an Aide may have no restrictions on their duties.

After a detailed conversation it was determined that at minimum the rules needed to be rewritten to explain what an Aide can do, not what they cannot do. Ms. Anderson will research how other states define Aides, and she would also obtain an opinion from ASHA (American Speech-Hearing Association). Mr. Cox will contact USHA for an opinion, and Mr. Ormond will invite Karl Perry, Attorney General Representative, to the October 17, 2007 meeting.

Rule on Supervisor and Supervising

Mr. Stanley addressed the Board explaining that the Legislative Review Committee felt that there is no conformity in how any of the Divisions professions define "Supervision". Mr. Stanley is proposing adding a section to R156-1 which will primarily define three levels of Supervision; Direct Supervision, Indirect Supervision, and General Supervision. Mr. Stanley then asked the Board to review his suggestions and notify the Division if they wished to incorporate all, part, or none of Mr. Stanley's suggestions, by October 2007.

After a detailed discussion Ms. Canfield seconded by Ms. Anderson made a motion to maintain the current definition of "Direct Supervision" as it written, the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Citizen Advocacy Center – 2007 Annual Meeting Reviewed, with no further action taken.

October 29 -31, 2007

ADJOURN: 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Bingham seconded by Ms. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

October 17, 2007

(ss) Walter Cox

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology
Licensing Board

October 17, 2007

(ss) Clyde Ormond

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing